

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTS

Family safety

Offender accountability

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Domestic Violence Courts

Created with support of the Legislature

- Passage of Idaho Code 32 - 1408(3)
- Providing funding for Domestic Violence Court Coordinators

Domestic Violence Courts

- Enhance victim safety and offender accountability
- Provide effective case management
- Coordinate information for families with multiple cases
- Use one judge to process cases

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DV Courts process:

- Domestic violence cases (criminal)
- Protection order cases (civil)
- Related divorce, custody, child support cases
- Family violence criminal misdemeanor cases

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Court's Objective:

- Provide a safe environment for families at risk
- Create coordinated responses to family issues
- Avoid separate judges providing different rulings
 - Confusing
 - Have negative consequences to the family

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Statewide Domestic Violence Court Coordinator – Amber Moe

- DV Courts and Coordinators in 6 of 7 Judicial Districts
- Different demographics and resources
 - Policies and Guidelines
 - Research-based best practices
 - Identify essential elements for Domestic Violence Courts
- All have
 - Fast-track criminal case disposition
 - Ongoing judicial reviews

Domestic Violence Courts

- Offenders held to a higher level of accountability
- Concentrate responsibility in a single judge
- Monitor compliance with court orders
- Oversee treatment programs
- Allow victims a greater voice
- Promptly address critical family issues
- Provide resources for victims early in the process

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Court Coordinators are critical to the effective operation

- Identify gaps and barriers in services
- Create services and treatment options for victims and offenders in rural areas
- Facilitate development of coordinated community response
- Improve the handling of domestic violence cases within the justice system

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Ada County Domestic Violence Court as Mentor Court

- **Model and host for site visits for judges and prosecutors**
- **Bonneville County District wide and High Intensity DV Court**
- **All Districts are participate in evaluations**

